The Children's Corner Howick: August/September 2015

Holiday Programme End of Term 3

Jamie will be Person Responsible for the holiday programme which will run on the following days; Monday 28th September-Friday 2nd October (5 days) then Monday 5th October-Wednesday 7th October (3 days). Deadline for enrolments is 11th September. Jamie has planned a fun-filled exciting programme which we're sure the children will absolutely love!

Staffing

Cindy has now reduced her working days to 2 per week as she prepares for the birth of her baby in October. Her last working day will be Friday 25th September. Congratulations again Cindy and Jerry on your imminent arrival!

We are delighted to announce that in Cindy's absence we welcome Josephine Difuntorum. Josephine is a NZ ECE qualified teacher with a Montessori Diploma and many years teaching experience. She has most recently worked for Wee Wisdom and Tipu Montessori in Otahuhu. Josephine will start work on Monday 5th October and her regular days will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Josephine will take over as Lead Teacher for the children Cindy was previously looking after.

Jamie will be on annual leave from the end of November through to the end of term 4. We wish her a safe journey to Shanghai and hope she has a wonderful time! She will return for the January holiday programme.

Our regular reliever and previous practicum student Anbu will continue to support us when required and has become a firm favourite with our pre-schoolers so we're delighted to continue to work with her.

Class Photos

Class photos will take place on the 4th and 5th November.

New Starters

Starters: We look forward to welcoming Christian, Mathilda, Gemma, Sophie Mae, Nathan, Tiana and Torhan. Several of our new starters have siblings who previously attended The Children's Corner so it's a pleasure for us to welcome back their lovely families.

Leavers: We say a fond farewell to Lucas K and Neve who are turning 5 and starting school.

Change of Clothes
Please pack at least 2 changes of clothes including underwear which should be named. A weather appropriate hat and also a lightweight rain jacket for those drizzly days in case we are going to the library (Howick) or your child wants to work in the outdoors.

Sunscreen Fee
You will be charged $8 at the start of term 4 to cover sunscreen application throughout the Spring and Summer months. This is an annual charge. If you would rather provide your own sunscreen then please advise Fiona to ensure we do not charge you $8 in your term 4 invoice. Any sunscreen you provide should be packed in your child's bag daily and named.

Lunches
Please remember we have a NO NUT policy and NO LOLLIES should be included in children's lunchboxes.

Portfolios
Children's portfolios will be sent home week commencing the 14th September to give you and your child time to enjoy reading it together. PLEASE ensure that the portfolio is returned to preschool by the end of term (Friday 25th September) at the latest.

We encourage parents and whanau to include comments on their child's learning. For example if you have noticed similar learning happening within the home environment then perhaps write a little sentence or two at the bottom of one of the learning stories or pop a post-it note on the story with your comments.

Fees
All fees must be paid in full to secure your place for next term as well as being eligible to attend the holiday programme. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for your diary

- Grandparents Morning Tea: We have postponed this and will re-schedule for next year.

Labour Day: Preschool will be closed on Monday 26th October.

- Christmas Concert/Disco: 10th December 12.00pm – please note that this is a change to our centre diary.

- End of Term 4: Friday 18th December.

- Christmas Craft Days: 21st, 22nd, 23rd December (optional attendance but must pre-book/more information closer to the time).